

Price River Distribution System
Minutes of Annual Water Users Meeting
January 30, 1974, 11:00 a.m.
Room 7, Price City Municipal Building, Price, Utah

Meeting called to order by Donald Norseth, Water Distribution Engineer, State Engineer's Office. After a few brief comments about the water supply throughout the state, Mr. Norseth turned the meeting over to George W. Waterman, Chairman of the Price River Distribution System.

Mr. Waterman had Mr. Bene, Secretary, read the meeting minutes of a special meeting held April 15, 1972, and the minutes of the annual water users meeting held February 7, 1973. Bill Marring made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion seconded by Boyd McKean. Motion carried.

Mr. Bene commented about the passing of Carlyle Pace, Secretary of the Price River Water Users Association and the Price Canal Company. Mr. Pace died on May 5, 1973. Motion made by Lyle Bryner that the record carry tribute to Carlyle Pace. Motion seconded by Albert Thayne. Motion carried.

Lyle Bryner made a few comments about the snow survey and introduced Mr. Max E. Davis of the Soil Conservation Service who is now in charge of making the snow surveys.

Mr. Bene stated that water distribution records on the finances of the various systems are now being audited by the State Auditor's Office. He also stated that every effort should be made to cut down on any unnecessary travel to conserve gasoline. The governor has asked everyone in state employment to try and at least save 10 to 15 percent on fuel used.

Mr. Bene stated that reserves from last year were low and that consideration should be given to build back the reserve fund. He also stated that the time certificates are being renewed at the new and higher interest rate. The certificates are in the safety deposit box (No. 440) at Walker Bank and Trust Company in Price. A general discussion was held on the Sanpete water problems and on raising the rate per mile on travel allowed the river commissioner. Mr. Rowley was requested to use his discretion and keep within the limits laid down by the governor to conserve fuel. Motion was made by Lyle Bryner and seconded by Sam Fazzio that an assessment be made on all meters that are approved on the exchanges in Scofield Reservoir. All wells should have meters on them since this condition is laid out in writing on the approval made by the State Engineer for each exchange. Motion carried unanimously.

Don Hamilton's application to change the point of diversion on the reservoir water he owns came up for discussion. The consensus of opinion was that he should be permitted to take his water out of the river but that it must be measured in and out of the river.

Dave Rowley, River Commissioner, read highlights from his written report for the irrigation season, 1973. It was moved by Bill Marsing and seconded by Jack Chiaretta that the river commissioner's report be accepted. Motion carried.

After considerable discussion on the budget, it was moved by Albert Thayn and seconded by Sam Fazzio that the budget be set at \$5,845.00 and that the assessment be set to cover the full budget.

Item 1	-	\$2,000.00	Item 3	-	\$150.00
Item 1c	-	130.00	Item 4	-	25.00
Item 1d	-	115.00	Item 5	-	125.00 (changed from \$25.00)
Item 2	-	2,800.00 (\$0.20/mile)	Item 6	-	500.00 (reserve funds)

Total Budget: \$5,845.00

A motion was made by Lyle Bryner and seconded by Dick Borrel that \$10.00 assessments be made on each well user in the Scofield area and that other users who divert water from Muddy Creek between Clear Creek Town and Scofield Reservoir be assessed the same as other users under the Price River System. This assessment is to be on top of the approved budget of \$5,845.00. Motion carried. (Note: The Price Area Office is to furnish Mr. Pexton of the State Engineer's Office a list of well users and people diverting from Muddy Creek.) The account out at the east end--East Carbon City--formerly Dragerton--is to be assessed to United States Steel until notified otherwise. Clear Creek Town properties and some coal lands were retained by Nalley, Camp, etc. Scofield Town water should be checked out, and the town should be assessed for the water diverted into the town system.

A motion was made by Sam Fazzio that Dave Rowley be recommended to the State Engineer for appointment as Price River Commissioner. Motion seconded by Bill Marsing. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Those present were: John Bene, Deputy State Engineer; Donald Norseth, Ken McKinney, and LaMond Gardner, Division of Water Rights; Dave Rowley, Commissioner; George W. Waterman, Chairman; Albert Thayn, Wellington Canal Company; Wm. Marsing, Carbon Canal; Sam Fazzio, Spring Glen Canal; Reynold Regruto, Bryner-Hansen Ditch; R.G. Mitchell, U. S. Steel Corporation; Leon Pressett and Boyd McKean, U.S. Steel Corporation; Jay Critchlow, Allred Ditch; Jack Chiaretta, Carbon Canal; Max E. Davis, Soil Conservation Service; Dick Borrell, Carbon Canal; Floyd Birch, Water User; Lyle Bryner, Price River Water Users Association; and John L. Trayner, Utah Power & Light Company.

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were mailed to:

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John Bene, Secretary of the Price River Distribution System, retained
2 copies for the system records.